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SUBJECT: NATO AEW, CFM-56 APPLICATION ON AWACS.

1. ON 2 MARCH 1977 A REPRESENTATIVE OF SNECMA, FRENCH
CO-DEVELOPER OF THE CFM-56 ENGINE, VISITED THE OFFICE
OF DEFENSE COOPERATION (ODC) TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT
SITUATION WITH REFERENCE TO FRENCH PARTICIPATION ON THE
AWACS PROGRAM FOR NATO. HE INDICATED THAT AS A RESULT
OF THE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FRENCH PARTICIPATION, SNECMA
AND BOEING WERE REAPPRAISING THE VARIOUS OPTIONS AND
TRYING TO COME UP WITH MORE ATTRACTIVE POSITIONS. THERE
IS OBVIOUSLY A LOT OF BEHIND THE SCENES MANEUVERING AND
WHILE THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS APPARENTLY RELUCTANT TO
GO ALONG WITH THE NAPO OFFER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
ACQUISITION PROGRAM BY PAYING APPROXIMATELY 10 OF THE
ACQUISITION COST, THEY STILL WANTED TO PURCHASE INFOR-
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MATION FROM THE PROGRAM. THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASED
EFFORTS RECENTLY TO HAVE THE CFM-56 ENGINE INCLUDED IN
THE PROGRAM AND MR. RAVAUD, PRESIDENT OF SNECMA, HAS
BEEN WORKING HARD TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF THE GOF.
GOF, WITH LEADERSHIP FROM THE DEFENSE MINISTRY, HAS
DIRECTED THAT TWO TASK FORCES MAKE A STUDY OF THE
OPTIONS UNDER WHICH FRANCE COULD PARTICIPATE. THE

RESULTS OF THE STUDIES ARE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE DEFENSE MINISTER BY 15 MARCH 1977. HOWEVER, THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS ARE CLOUDING THE ISSUES AND IT IS UNCERTAIN WHEN AND/OR IF ANY DECISION WILL BE MADE TO MAKE A FIRM OFFER TO THE NAPO.

2. BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR SALES OF THE CFM-56 ENGINE ON OTHER PROGRAMS, IF SELECTED FOR THE AWACS, SNECMA IS VITALLY INTERESTED AND IS WORKING HARD TO CONVINCE THE GOF TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL OFFER TO NATO, IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL POSITION FROM WHICH TO NEGOTIATE. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT SUCH AN OFFICIAL OFFER IS ESSENTIAL AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD OBTAINING FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM. WHETHER OR NOT THE GOF WILL GO ALONG WITH THE PROPOSED PLAN TO PAY THE DEVELOPMENT COST OF PUTTING THE CFM-56 ENGINE ON THE AWACS, AS WELL AS A 10 SHARE OF THE ACQUISITION COSTS, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

3. IN ANY EVENT, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THE FRENCH WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AWACS PROGRAM AND THEY BELIEVE IT IS AN ESSENTIAL AND WORTHWHILE PROGRAM, BUT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH THEIR UNOFFICIAL EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE POSITION BEFORE MAKING AN OFFICIAL OFFER. RUSH

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